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FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM TEXT OF ZIPA COMMUNIQUE WHICH WAS SENT TO FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS SEPTEMBER 30. COMMUNIQUE WAS SIGNED BY ZIPA ARMY COMMANDER REX NHONGO. EMBOFF BOTAINED COPY OF MESSAGE AT ZIPA PRESS CONFERENCE REPORTED REFTTEL.

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MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO:

CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU

PEOPLES'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE

IN RESPONSE TO:

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(1) THE CURRENT MOVES ON ZIMBABWE BY THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE DR. HENRY KISSINGER, PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE TERRORIST LEADER IAN SMITH IN RHODESIA.

(2) SMITH'S BROADCAST OF SEPTEMBER 24TH 1976 AT 8:00 PM LOCAL TIME (18:00 HOURS G.M.T.).

BY
THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE'S ARMY (ZIPA)

I.

WE HAVE FOLLOWED WITH CLOSE INTEREST THE KISSINGER MANEUVERS FOR THE PAST WEEKS WHICH CULMINATED IN THE RECENT MEETING OF KISSINGER, VORSTER AND SMITH IN PRETORIA ON SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 1976 AT WHICH THEY DISCUSSED PROPOSALS FOR THE SO-CALLED "SETTLEMENT" OF THE ZIMBABWE CONSTITUTIONAL DISPUTE. WE HAVE ALSO LISTENED TO THE RADIO BROADCAST BY IAN SMITH ON 24 SEPTEMBER 1976 AT 8:00 PM LOCAL TIME (18:00 HOURS G.M.T.) IN WHICH HE SPELLED OUT AND ACCEPTED THE PROPOSALS FOR RESOLVING THE ZIMBABWEAN DISPUTE PUT FORWARD BY THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE DR. HENRY KISSINGER WITH THE SUPPORT OF WESTERN POWERS. WE WISH TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT WE COMPLETELY AND UNRESERVEDLY OPPOSE THE KISSINGER PROPOSALS. WE TOTALLY REJECT KISSINGER'S VICIOUS SCHEME IN ITS ENTIRETY WHICH IS AIMED AT SABOTAGING THE ZIMBABWEAN STRUGGLE AND SIMULTANEOUSLY PRESERVING WESTERN INTERESTS IN ZIMBABWE. WE ARE DETERMINED TO FIGHT THE KISSINGER PROPOSALS TO THE BITTER END.

II.

WE HEREBY REITERATE OUR UNSWERVING COMMITMENT TO THE TOTAL LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE THROUGH ARMED STRUGGLE. THE KISSINGER PROPOSALS FALL FAR SHORT OF OUR OBJECTIVE OF SEIZING POLITICAL POWER. AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED WE EITHER COMPLETELY SEIZE POWER OR POLITICAL POWER IS UNCONDITIONALLY SURRENDERED TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE. WE ALSO WISH TO REGISTER OUR DEEP GRATITUDE AND GREAT APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND THE PROGRESSIVE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN THE PROSECUTION OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE WHICH HAS NOW

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FORCED THE IMPERIALIST POWERS TO TAKE DESPERATE MOVES TO PRESERVE AND SAFEGUARD THEIR VESTED INTERESTS IN ZIMBABWE. PAST EXPERIENCES HAVE TAUGHT US THAT ALL IMPERIALISTS AND REACTIONARIES WILL NEVER CHANGE THEIR NATURE. THEY WILL ALWAYS RESORT TO COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY DUAL TACTICS. RECENT EVENTS CHARACTERISED BY POLITICAL DECEPTION ARE A MANIFESTATION OF THE SHAMELESS AND BRUTAL NATURE OF INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISM

IN ITS DESPERATE EFFORTS TO THWART REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS THE WORLD OVER. CONSEQUENTLY WE WILL UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ACCEPT TO THE PRESSURISED OR BLACKMAILED INTO ACCEPTING KISSINGER'S VICIOUS SCHEMEM. WE ARE DETERMINED TO WAGE A RESOLUTE ARMED STRUGGLE UNTIL FINAL VICTORY.

III.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING OUR STAND WE HEREBY STATE THE REASONS FOR OUR REJECTION OF THE KISSINGER PROPOSALS:

1. THE KISSINGER PROPOSALS WERE DRAFTED BY THE ENEMIES OF THE GREAT ZIMBABWE REVOLUTION AND AS SUCH CAN NEVER BE TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE BUT ON THE CONTRARY THEY ONLY SERVE TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF IMPERIALISM.

(A) IN HIS RADIO BROADCAST SMITH MADE IT CATEGORICALLY CLEAR THAT THE PROPOSALS WERE WORKED OUT BY THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM, SOUTH AFRICA WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE WESTERN POWERS AND EVEN SMITH HIMSELF WAS FREE TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THESE PROPOSALS. ALL THESE PARTIES HAVE VESTED INTERESTS IN ZIMBABWE AND IT WOULD BE MOST RIDICULOUS AND PREPOSTEROUS OF THEM TO WORK OUT PROPOSALS DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR VITAL INTERESTS. THIS WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO IDEOLOGICAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL SUICIDE FOR THEM.

(B) IN HIS RADIO BROADCAST SMITH MADE IT UNEQUIVOCALLY CLEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM, SOUTH AFRICA, MAJOR WESTERN POWERS AND RHODESIA SHARE A COMMON AIR AND PURPOSE. THEY ONLY DIFFER WITH RHODESIA IN APPROACH. AS THEY PUT IT THEIR COMMON AIR IS TO KEEP RHODESIA IN THE SO-CALLED FREE WORLD. WE ON OUR PART SHARE NEITHER A COMMON AIM NOR

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PURPOSE WITH ANY OF THESE IMPERIALIST AND REACTIONARY PARTIES.

(C) IN HIS BROADCAST, SMITH STATED THAT THE AIM OF THE KISSINGER PROPOSALS WAS TO COMBAT "COMMUNISM." WHETHER THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE WANT COMMUNISM OR CAPITALISM THAT IS UP TO THEM TO DECIDE AND NOT FOR ANYBODY TO DECIDE THAT ON THEIR BEHALF. IMPERIALISTS HAVE NO RIGHT TO DECIDE A SOCIAL SYSTEM FOR US. WE FOLLOW WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS FO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE. THIS IS OUR SOVEREIGN RIGHT.

(D) SMITH SAID THAT THE WESTERN POWERS CONSIDERED RHODESIA TO BE THE KEY TO THE SUBCONTINENT. HOW CAN ZIMBABWE BE A KEY TO THE SUBCONTINENT WHICH IS THE CITADEL OF REACTION, RACISM AND FASCISM?

SOUTHERN AFRICA CAN NEVER BE ISOLATED FROM THE REST OF AFRICA AND WE HAVE NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER OF DIVORCING OURSELVES FROM THE REST OF AFRICA SINCE WE SHARE A COMMON AND BITTER EXPERIENCE, A COMMON DARK PAST, A COMMON HERITAGE AND A COMMON DESTINY WITH THE REST OF AFRICA.

(E) SMITH STATED THAT KISSINGER HAD GIVEN HIM A CATEGORICAL ASSURANCE THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM WOULD BE ABLE TO BRING ABOUT A CESSATION, (TO PUT IT IN SMITH'S OWN WORDS) OF "TERRORIST ACTIVITIES." IN WHAT CAPACITY DOES THE UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM GIVE THESE ASSURANCES AND BY WHAT MEANS ON EARTH WILL THEY BRING ABOUT THE CESSATION OF THE SO-CALLED TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. SUCH ASSURANCES REEK OF U.S. SUPER POWER SNOBBERY AND OF ITS DETERMINATION TO STAMP OUT THE FLAMES OF REVOLUTION, THEREBY ESTABLISH IMPERIALIST HEGEMONY. OUR WAR IS A JUST WAR, A PEOPLE'S WAR AND LIBERATION WAR. IT WILL ONLY COME TO AN END AFTER ACHIEVING THE TOTAL LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE.

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(F) SMITH HAS EVEN INSISTED ON MAINTAINING HIS PRESENT CAMPAIGN OF TERROR. HE ASSURED HIS WHITE RHODESIANS THAT THE ONLY HOPE FOR THEM WAS THAT OF "SUCCESS."

IV.

THE CONCRETE PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY KISSINGER AS READ OUT BY SMITH ARE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO US FOR THE FOLLOWING POINTS-

1. TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN TWO YEAR IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE TO US.

(A) WE REJECT THE TIME LIMIT FOR TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE WITHIN TWO YEAR. WHAT WE DEMAND IS UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER OF POLITICAL POWER TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE NOW.

(B) WE TOTALLY REJECT THE MECHANICS OF TRANSFERRING POWER TO THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE WHICH INVOLVES THE PARTICIPATION OF ANY REACTIONARY, RACIST AND FASCIST REGIME.

(C) SMITH HAS EVEN REITERATED HIS INFAMOUS DICTUM OF SO-CALLED "RESPONSIBLE RULE" WHICH IS ANATHEMA TO US.

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2. THE PROPOSED MEETING BETWEEN THE SMITH REGIME AND AFRICAN LEADERS TO WORK OUT PRELIMINARIES IS OUT OF QUESTION. WHAT WE DEMANDDD IS UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER OF POLITICAL POWER BY SMITH TO THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED MULTIRACIAL INTERIM GOVERNMENT WE WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE WE PREPARED TO SHARE POWER WITH RACISTS AND FASCIST. MOREOVER ACCORDING TO THE ARRANGMENT THE RACISTS RETAIN THE DEFENCE (TERRORISM) MINISTRY AND THAT OF LAW AND ORDER (THE NOTORIOUS LAWLESSNESS AND DISORDER) WHICH ARE THE MAJOR COMPONENTS OF STATE POWER.

4. THE ENACTMENT OF AN ACT ESTABLISHING MAJORITY RULE BY THE U.K. GOVERNMENT IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE. THE UNITED KINGDOM IS A COLONIAL POWER AND WHAT WE ARE FIGHTING IN ZIMBABWE IS BRITISH COLONIALIS.. THE UNITED KINGDOM IS AN AVOWED ENEMY OF THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE AS EVIDENCED BY THE ROLE OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN THE HISTORY OF ZIMBABWE:

1. IN 1889, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT GRANTED A ROYAL CHARTER TO CECIL RHODES AUTHORISING THE INVASION OF ZIMBABWE.

2. IN 1923 THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT GRANTED SO-

CALLED RESPONSIBLY GOVERNMENT TO WHITE RHODESIANS.

3. IN 1953 THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IMPOSED A WHITE AND RACIST FEDERATION ON RHODESIA AND NYASALAND.

4. IN 1961 THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT MASTER MINDED THE SELL-OUT 1961 CONSITTUTION.

5. IN 1965 THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT GAVE TACIT SUPPORT TO THE UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY SMITH THROUGH BRITISH ACQUIESCENCE.

6. AFTER U.D.I. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HELD THE TIGER AND FEARLESS TALKS WITH RACIST SMITH REGIME TO THE EXCLUSION OF AFRICANS.

7. IN 1971 THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT MASTER MINDED THE PEARCE PROPOSALS AIMED AT LIQUIDATING ZIMBABWE.

8. NOW THEY HAVE YET AGAIN MASTER MINDED A MOST UNCLASSIFIED

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VICIUS AND A TRACHEROUS SCHEME AIMED AT SABOTAGING THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN THEIR ENDLESS ENDEAVOURS TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS.

HOW ON EARTH CAN THEY ENACT A LEGISLATION GRANTING MAJORITY RULE TO ZIMBABWE?

9. ON THE QUESTION OF CESSATION OF GUERRILLAS WARFARE AND LIFTING OF SANCTIONS OUR POSITION IS THAT:-

A. WITH REGARD TO THE CESSATION OF THE SO-CALLED TERRORISM WE WISH TO STATE THAT OUR PEOPLE'S WAR WILL ONLY COME TO AN END AFTER WE HAVE REALISED OUR OBJECTIVE.

B. WITH REGARD TO THE LIFTING OF SANCTIONS THEY CAN GO AHEAD AND LIFT THEM AFTER ALL, THE IMPERIALIST POWER ARE NOTORIOUS FOR VIOLATING THE ECONMIC SANCTIONS.

10 WITH REGARD TO THE ORGANISATION OF A TRUST FUND TO INJECT CAPITAL INVESTMENT INTO ZIMBABWE, OUR STAND IS THAT WE DO NOT NEED IT. WE WILL DEVELOP ZIMBABWE WITH OUR OWN RESOURCEDFULLNESS AND CREATIVE ABILITY. AFTER ALL THE SO-CALLED INJECTION OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT IS AIMED AT STEPPING UP THE EXPLOITATION OF THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE.

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WE ARE FULLY AWARE THEAT UNITED STATES IMPERIALISM WILL MAKE USE OF ECONOMIC BBACKMAIL, PRESSURE AND INFLUENCE TO SECURE THE SUPPORT OF INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES IN IMPLEMENTING THEIR VICIOUS SCHEME SUCCUMBING TO THIS SCHEME WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO THE BETRAYAL OF THE ZIMBABWEAN REVOLUTION. WE ARE ALSO FULLY AWARE THAT THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER WESTERN POWERS HAVE MADE PREPARATIONS TO INTERVENE MILITARILY ON THE SIDE OF SMITH IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THEIR VICIOUS SCHEME. WE ARE PREPARED TO SETTLE ACCOUNTS WITH THEM ON THE

BATTLE FIELD.

WE SHALL NEITHER PARTICIPATE NOR ACCEPT ANYBODY-
ZIMBABWEAN OR NON ZIMBABWEAN TO REPRESENT US IN THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS VICIOUS SCHEME. WE DO NOT
BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE FAIR TO US TO BE DENIED
THE OPPORTUNITY AND RIGHT TO FIGHT FOR COMPLETE AND
GENUINE INDEPENDENCE AS DID THE HEROIC PEOPLES OF
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GUINEA BISSAU, MOCAMBIQUE, VIETNAM, CAMBODIA,
ALGERIA, ANGOLA AND LAOS. WE, FOLLOWING THE FOOT
STEP OF OUR REVOLUTIONARY PREDECESSORS, ARE NOT
FIGHTING FOR POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC REFORMS BUT FOR
RESOLUTE AND THOROUGH SMASHING OF THE REACTIONARY
STATE MACHINE, COMPLETE AND TOTAL SEIZURE OF
POLITICAL POWER AND COMPLETE AND THROUGH TRANS-
FORMATION OF THE ZIMBABWEAN SOCIETY.
WE ARE DETERMINED TO WIPE OUT THE SMITH REGIME AND ITS
IMPERIALIST BOSSES COMPLETELY, THOROUGHLY, WHOLLY
AND RESOLUTELY.

LONG LIVE AFRICAN UNITY
DOWN WITH IMPERIALISM
PAMBERI NECHIMURGNGA
ALUTA DE ARMADA CONTINUE

SIGNED: REX NHONGO, ARMY COMMANDER ON BEHALF OF
THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE'S ARMY.
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